

Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Neveen Abel-Jalil.

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Date of Interview: 20 January 2004.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: Claim 1.


Identification of prior art discussed: De La Huerqa et al. (US Patent No. 5,895,461).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

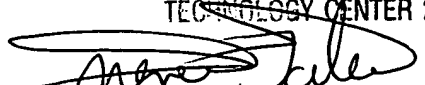
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.


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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative requested the after-final interview to discuss the cited art De La Huerga et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,895,461) and what the Applicant believes to be a difference between the cited art and the Examiner's characterization of the cited art specifically the recitation of claim 1. The applicant discussed a proposed amendment with features from the specification page 15, lines 16-22 as well as possibly amending independent claim 1 to state "including a web page having an award entry keyword input field" and "an award entry keyword; and a determining unit which determines whether the award entry keyword has been input to the award entry keyword input field". Additionally the applicant's representative generally discussed and explained the applicant's invention making it more clear to the Examiner. Applicant's representative argued that the above stated features appear to distinguish over De La Huerga et al. Examiner indicated to the applicant that the cited art does teach searching a database by keywords and retrieving records stored by location in column 4, lines 1-36.